

24. A diagnostic agent containing a nucleic acid according to claim 3 together with further auxiliary agents.
25. A medicament containing an antibody according to claim 9 together with further auxiliary agents.
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cancel. 26. A diagnostic agent containing an antibody according to claim 9 together with further auxiliary agents.
27. Use of the diagnostic agents according to claim 15 for the diagnosis of diseases based on over- or underexpression and/or an increased or reduced activity of eucaryotic neutral sphingomyelinase and/or disorders of cell proliferation, cell differentiation and/or apoptosis.

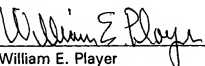
#### REMARKS

The present claims are 1-27. By the instant amendment multiple dependencies are eliminated from the claims, thereby, reducing fees.

Favorable action is requested.

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